

## JURISDICTION



### LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) & LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LACSD)



The LAPD has publicly reported use of real-time face recognition, but found “no records responsive” to our public records request.



Police in Los Angeles County can run face recognition searches of mug shots.



It's unclear if police are required to have reasonable suspicion to run a search.



PEOPLE IN DATABASE



REAL-TIME VIDEO



4<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT



FREE SPEECH



ACCURACY



TRANSPARENCY



AUDITS



The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) may have the most advanced face recognition system in the country—yet refused to comply with our public records request. In 2013, it announced a system that could perform real-time face recognition from 600 feet using CCTV cameras in the West San Fernando Valley. In 2007, LAPD said that a “smart car” would be equipped with face recognition. In 2005, LAPD announced a CCTV camera system “equipped with ‘intelligent’ video capabilities and facial recognition software.” Yet in response to a request for documents relating to its use of face recognition, LAPD stated that it has “no records responsive to [the] request” (000102).

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LACSD) has a face recognition system accessible on desktop and via emails sent from mobile devices (000623). LACSD has no publicly available policy governing when it is appropriate for police to use the face recognition, and provided no such policy in response to our request. It is possible that it does not exist.

The LACSD system searches mug shots “of all subjects criminally booked within Los Angeles County” (000349), but it’s unclear what other databases are accessible, how many mug shots are enrolled in the system, or if LACSD “scrubs” its mug shot database to eliminate people who were never charged, had charges dropped or dismissed, or who were found innocent. African Americans are likely overrepresented in the system; they are arrested at a rate 176% higher than their share of the county population.

The LACSD system uses NEC and Cognitec algorithms (000444). We do not know what algorithms are employed by the LAPD systems.

**Sources and Notes:** LAPD, LACSD, State of California Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General, U.S. Census (*Last updated: September 2016*). Scorecard methodology can be found in the appendix. Numerical citations, e.g. (123456) refer to official records available online at [www.perpetuallineup.org](http://www.perpetuallineup.org).